

SENATE BILL 2075

By Cooper

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 3, Part 20 and Title 55, relative to motor
vehicle safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 20, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 4-3-2014. The commissioner of safety shall establish and administer a
mandatory motor vehicle safety inspection program for all motor vehicles registered in
Tennessee that are regularly operated on the public highways and roads in this state.
The program shall require each such vehicle to be annually inspected by a department-
approved motor vehicle repair or inspection facility, using a department supplied safety
inspection form and checklist, in order to certify that vehicle is currently equipped and
maintained in a state sufficient to promote safe operation and the protection of the public
safety. Certification of successful inspection shall be maintained in the motor vehicle
whenever the vehicle is operated on the public highways and roads in this state. The
owner of a motor vehicle operating or allowing the operation of a motor vehicle without
such certification commits a Class B misdemeanor punishable by fine only, in the
amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for the first offense or five hundred dollars
(\$500) for each subsequent offense.

SECTION 2. The commissioner is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to
effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in
accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. For purposes of promulgating rules and regulations and for purposes of establishing a statewide network of department-approved safety inspection locations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect on January 1, 2006.